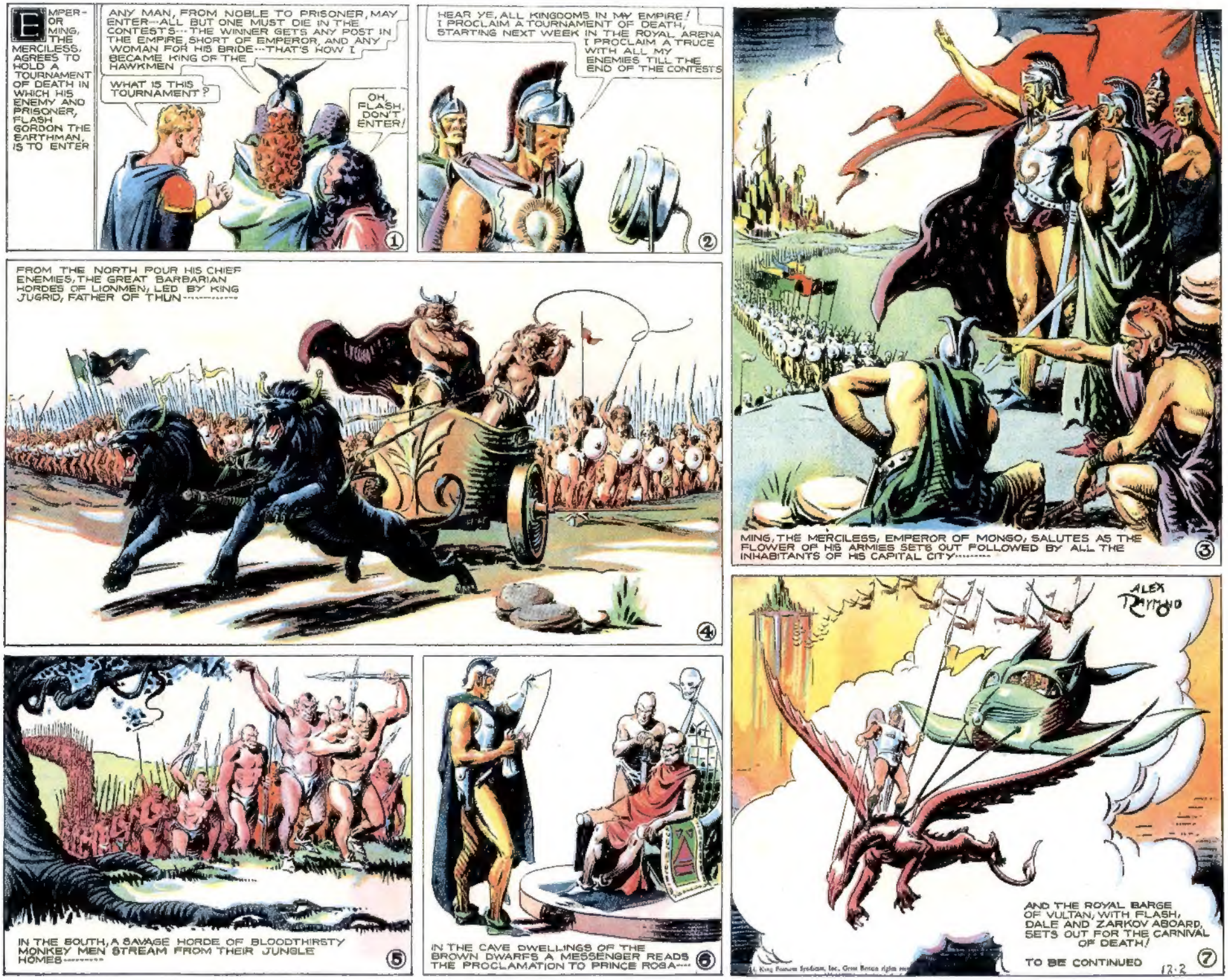
DR. ZARKOV, SAVING THE CITY OF HAWKMEN FROM FALLING, WINS VULTAN'S FRIENDSHIP FOR HIMSELF AND HIS FRIENDS, INCLUDING FLASH GORDON AND DALE ARDEN
---I HEREBY MAKE THEE PRINCE ZARKOV OF THE HAWKMEN AND SUPREME LORD OF ALL SCIENTISTS!
FLASH AND DALE---IN PROOF OF OUR FUTURE FRIENDSHIP I SHALL GIVE YOU A ROYAL WEDDING!
YOUR MAJESTY, PRINCESS AURA HAS ESCAPED IN A FLYING CAR AND HEADED FOR THE EMPEROR'S CITY!
BY TAO, THAT MEANS TROUBLE!
--AND NO WEDDING FOR DALE AND ME
THAT NIGHT A ROYAL BANQUET IS HELD TO CELEBRATE THE WEDDING OF FLASH AND DALE SET FOR THE NEXT DAY---SUDDENLY, AN EXCITED GUARD RUSHES IN-------
------ALREADY THE AIR FLEET OF MING, THE MERCILESS IS SOARING TOWARD THE CITY OF HAWKMEN!
WE'LL DIE FIGHTING---I NEVER DID LIKE THE COLOR OF MING'S SKIN, ANYWAY---- HAW, HAW, HAW!
NO, VULTAN, LET DALE AND ME TAKE A ROCKET SHIP AND TAKE OUR CHANCES ON ESCAPING!
NO USE---THEY WERE DAMAGED WHEN THE CITY TILTED
SO, VULTAN? TURN OVER THIS EARTHLING TO MY TORTURERS---AND MY PROMISED WIFE, DALE, TO ME--- I COMMAND IT!
NO, FATHER, YOU PROMISED FLASH TO ME AS MY SHARE OF THE SPOILS!
HOLD ON, MING!
---BY THE ANCIENT LAWS OF MONGO---BY THE SACRED LAWS OF THE GREAT TAO, WHO IS ALL WISE---- I CALL FOR A TOURNAMENT OF DEATH!
A TOURNAMENT? AND THIS FELLOW, FLASH, WOULD ENTER? FINE SPORT--- ALL THE PLANET SHALL SEE HIM FAIL AND DIE! HA---THE FLAMING LANCES---THE SKY ROPE---THE DAGGER DANCE---SO BE IT!


EMPEROR MING, THE MERCILESS, AGREES TO HOLD A TOURNAMENT OF DEATH IN WHICH HIS ENEMY AND PRISONER, FLASH GORDON THE EARTHMAN, IS TO ENTER
ANY MAN, FROM NOBLE TO PRISONER, MAY ENTER---ALL BUT ONE MUST DIE IN THE CONTESTS--- THE WINNER GETS ANY POST IN THE EMPIRE, SHORT OF EMPEROR, AND ANY WOMAN FOR HIS BRIDE---THAT'S HOW I BECAME KING OF THE HAWKMEN
WHAT IS THIS TOURNAMENT?
OH, FLASH, DON'T ENTER!
1
HEAR YE, ALL KINGDOMS IN MY EMPIRE! I PROCLAIM A TOURNAMENT OF DEATH, STARTING NEXT WEEK IN THE ROYAL ARENA I PROCLAIM A TRUCE WITH ALL MY ENEMIES TILL THE END OF THE CONTESTS
2
MING, THE MERCILESS, EMPEROR OF MONGO, SALUTES AS THE FLOWER OF HIS ARMIES SETS OUT FOLLOWED BY ALL THE INHABITANTS OF HIS CAPITAL CITY.....
3
FROM THE NORTH POUR HIS CHIEF ENEMIES, THE GREAT BARBARIAN HORDES OF LIONMEN, LED BY KING JUGRID, FATHER OF THUN.....
4
IN THE SOUTH, A SAVAGE HORDE OF BLOODTHIRSTY MONKEY MEN STREAM FROM THEIR JUNGLE HOMES.....
5
IN THE CAVE DWELLINGS OF THE BROWN DWARFS A MESSENGER READS THE PROCLAMATION TO PRINCE ROSA....
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AND THE ROYAL BARGE OF VULTAN, WITH FLASH, DALE AND ZARKOV ABOARD, SETS OUT FOR THE CARNIVAL OF DEATH!
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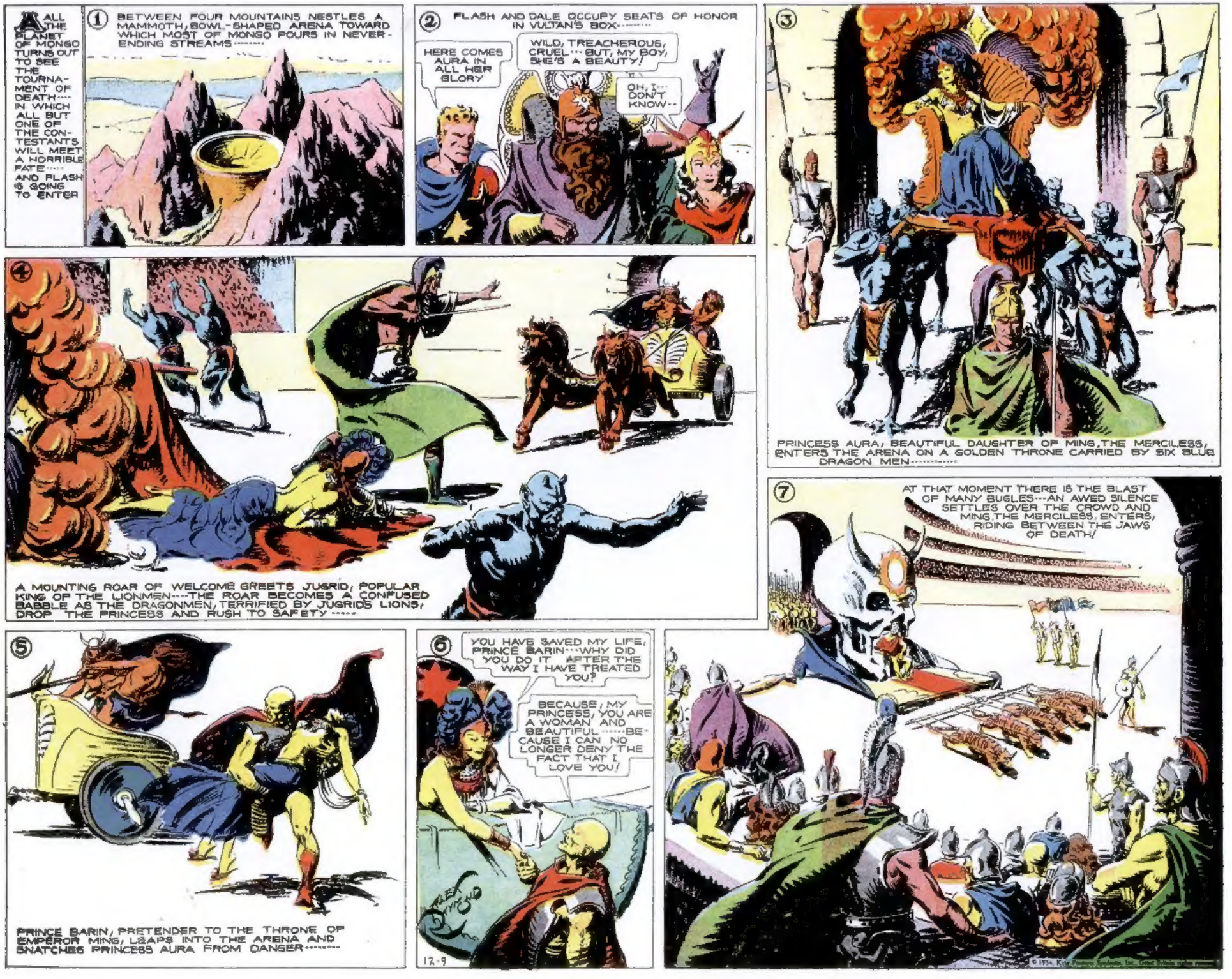
ALL THE PLANET OF MONGO TURNS OUT TO SEE THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH---- IN WHICH ALL BUT ONE OF THE CONTESTANTS WILL MEET A HORRIBLE FATE----- AND FLASH IS GOING TO ENTER
1
BETWEEN FOUR MOUNTAINS NESTLES A MAMMOTH, BOWL-SHAPED ARENA TOWARD WHICH MOST OF MONGO POURS IN NEVER-ENDING STREAMS--------
2
FLASH AND DALE OCCUPY SEATS OF HONOR IN VULTAN'S BOX--------
HERE COMES AURA IN ALL HER GLORY
WILD, TREACHEROUS, CRUEL---BUT, MY BOY, SHE'S A BEAUTY!
OH, I--- DON'T KNOW--
3
PRINCESS AURA, BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER OF MING, THE MERCILESS, ENTERS THE ARENA ON A GOLDEN THRONE CARRIED BY SIX BLUE DRAGON MEN----------
4
A MOUNTING ROAR OF WELCOME GREETS JUGRID, POPULAR KING OF THE LIONMEN----THE ROAR BECOMES A CONFUSED BABBLE AS THE DRAGONMEN, TERRIFIED BY JUGRIDS LIONS, DROP THE PRINCESS AND RUSH TO SAFETY-----
5
PRINCE BARIN, PRETENDER TO THE THRONE OF EMPEROR MING, LEAPS INTO THE ARENA AND SNATCHES PRINCESS AURA FROM DANGER--------
6
YOU HAVE SAVED MY LIFE, PRINCE BARIN---WHY DID YOU DO IT AFTER THE WAY I HAVE TREATED YOU?
BECAUSE, MY PRINCESS, YOU ARE A WOMAN AND BEAUTIFUL-----BECAUSE I CAN NO LONGER DENY THE FACT THAT I LOVE YOU!
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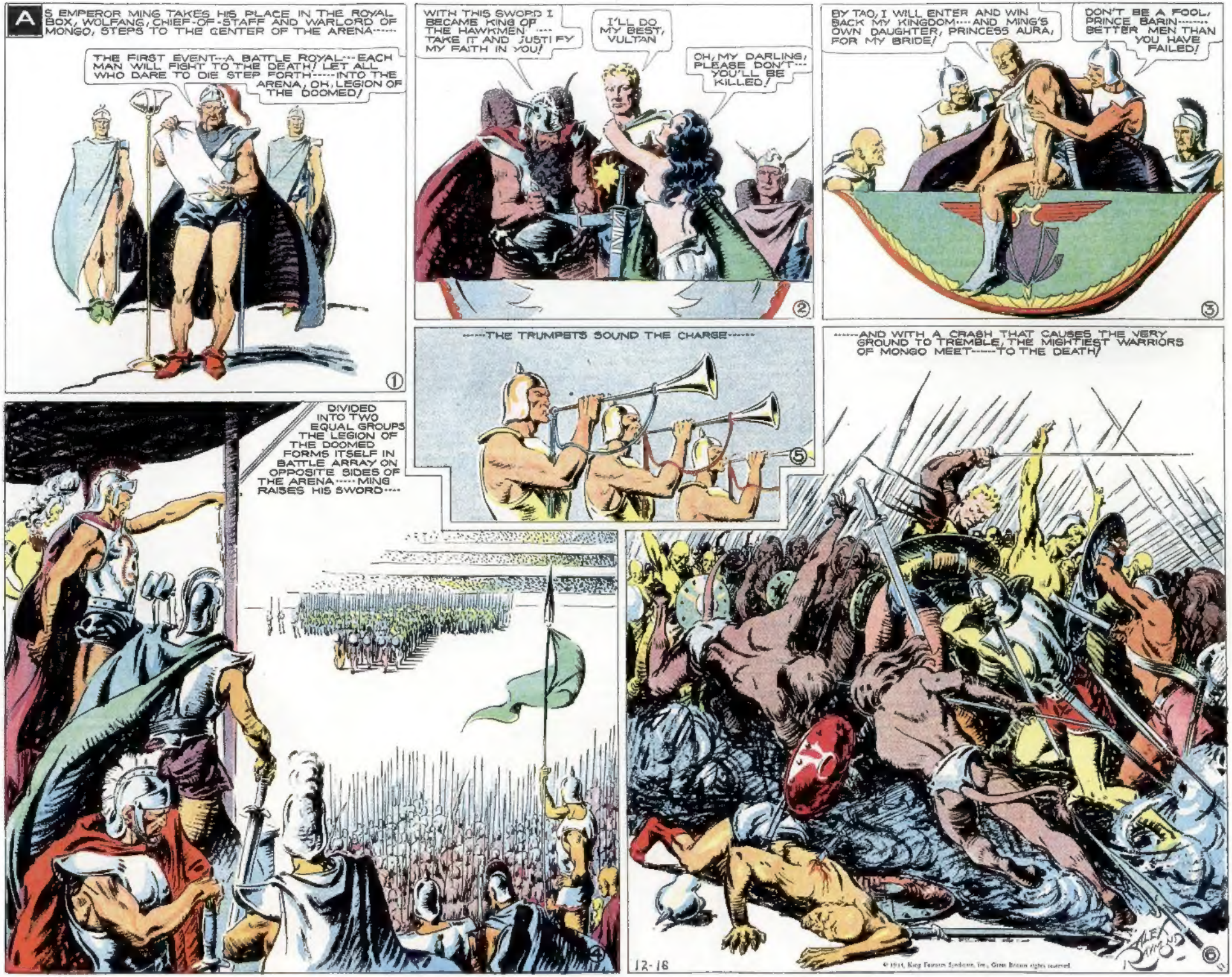
7
AT THAT MOMENT THERE IS THE BLAST OF MANY BUGLES---AN AWED SILENCE SETTLES OVER THE CROWD AND MING, THE MERCILESS, ENTERS, RIDING BETWEEN THE JAWS OF DEATH!


AS EMPEROR MING TAKES HIS PLACE IN THE ROYAL BOX, WOLFANG, CHIEF-OF-STAFF AND WARLORD OF MONGO, STEPS TO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA-----
THE FIRST EVENT--A BATTLE ROYAL---EACH MAN WILL FIGHT TO THE DEATH! LET ALL WHO DARE TO DIE STEP FORTH-----INTO THE ARENA, OH, LEGION OF THE DOOMED!
1
WITH THIS SWORD I BECAME KING OF THE HAWKMEN ---- TAKE IT AND JUSTIFY MY FAITH IN YOU!
I'LL DO MY BEST, VULTAN
OH, MY DARLING, PLEASE DON'T--- YOU'LL BE KILLED!
2
BY TAO, I WILL ENTER AND WIN BACK MY KINGDOM----AND MING'S OWN DAUGHTER, PRINCESS AURA, FOR MY BRIDE!
DON'T BE A FOOL, PRINCE BARIN------- BETTER MEN THAN YOU HAVE FAILED!
3
-----THE TRUMPETS SOUND THE CHARGE------
5
DIVIDED INTO TWO EQUAL GROUPS THE LEGION OF THE DOOMED FORMS ITSELF IN BATTLE ARRAY ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE ARENA-----MING RAISES HIS SWORD----
4
-----AND WITH A CRASH THAT CAUSES THE VERY GROUND TO TREMBLE, THE MIGHTIEST WARRIORS OF MONGO MEET-----TO THE DEATH!
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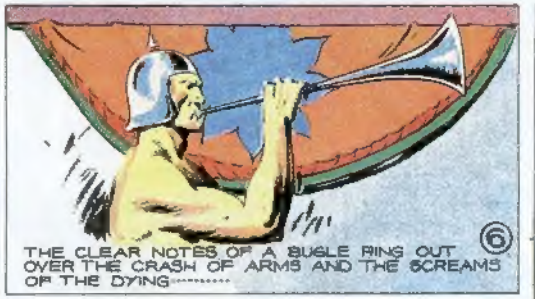
A BATTLE ROYAL, WITH EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, OPENS THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH····· AS THE FIGHT RAGES AROUND HIM, FLASH MEETS THE CHARGE OF TWO GIANT YELLOW GUARDSMEN·····
1

FLASH SWINGS HIS GREAT TWO-HANDED SWORD WITH TERRIFIC FORCE····· IT SLICES THRU THE ARMOR OF ONE SOLDIER, WHO DROPS, WRITHING, TO THE GROUND·····
2

THE SECOND SOLDIER LUNGES AT FLASH'S EXPOSED SIDE, INFLICTING A DEEP SLASH ACROSS HIS BODY····· FLASH LOSES HIS FOOTING AND DROPS TO ONE KNEE·····
3

BUT BEFORE THE GUARD CAN STRIKE AGAIN PRINCE BARIN, WEARING A BLACK MASK, LEAPS TO HIS RESCUE·····
4


THE CLEAR NOTES OF A BUGLE RING OUT OVER THE CRASH OF ARMS AND THE SCREAMS OF THE DYING·····
6

THE SHATTERED REMNANTS OF THE LEGION OF THE DOOMED DRAW UP BEFORE MING, THE MERCILESS, WHO DECREES A NIGHT OF FEASTING AND MERRYMAKING IN PREPARATION FOR THE TEST OF THE FLAMING LANCES!
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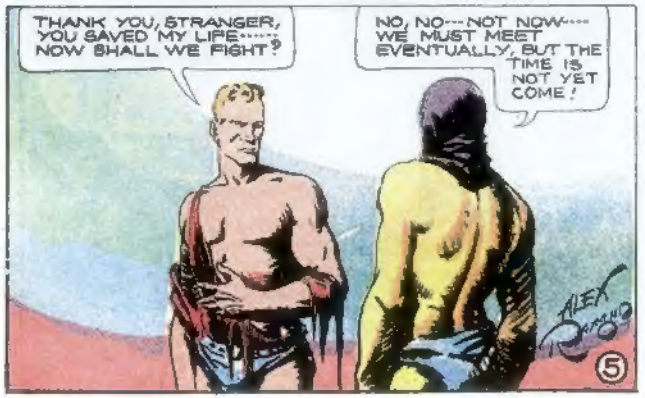
THANK YOU, STRANGER, YOU SAVED MY LIFE····· NOW SHALL WE FIGHT?
NO, NO··· NOT NOW···· WE MUST MEET EVENTUALLY, BUT THE TIME IS NOT YET COME!
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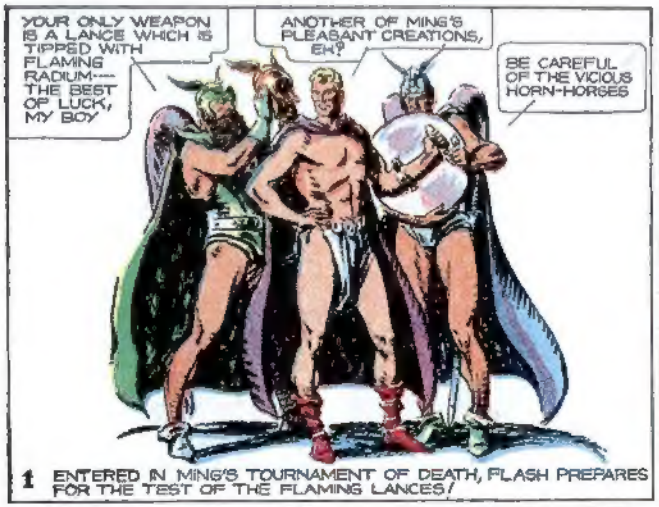

1 ENTERED IN MING'S TOURNAMENT OF DEATH, FLASH PREPARES FOR THE TEST OF THE FLAMING LANCES!

4 THE SIGNAL IS GIVEN AND, WITH SAVAGE YELLS, THE HORSEMEN CHARGE!

3 A MIGHTY ROAR GOES UP AS THE CONTESTANTS, LED BY FLASH, TAKE THEIR PLACES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE ARENA-------

5 ROLLING IN HIS SADDLE, FLASH DODGES THE THRUST OF A DRAGONMAN AND DRIVES HIS LANCE INTO THE CREATURE'S BODY------

6 THE DRAGONMAN FALLS, TWISTING FLASH'S LANCE FROM HIS HAND------

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7 AND FLASH, UNARMED, WHIRLS TO MEET THE CYCLONE CHARGE OF A HAWKMAN!

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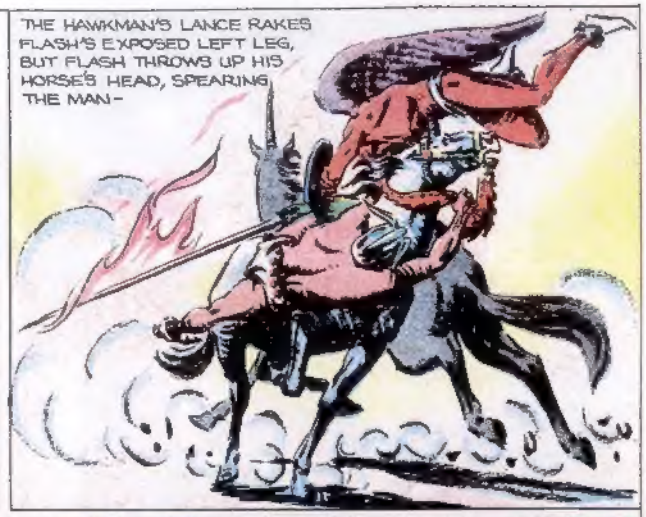

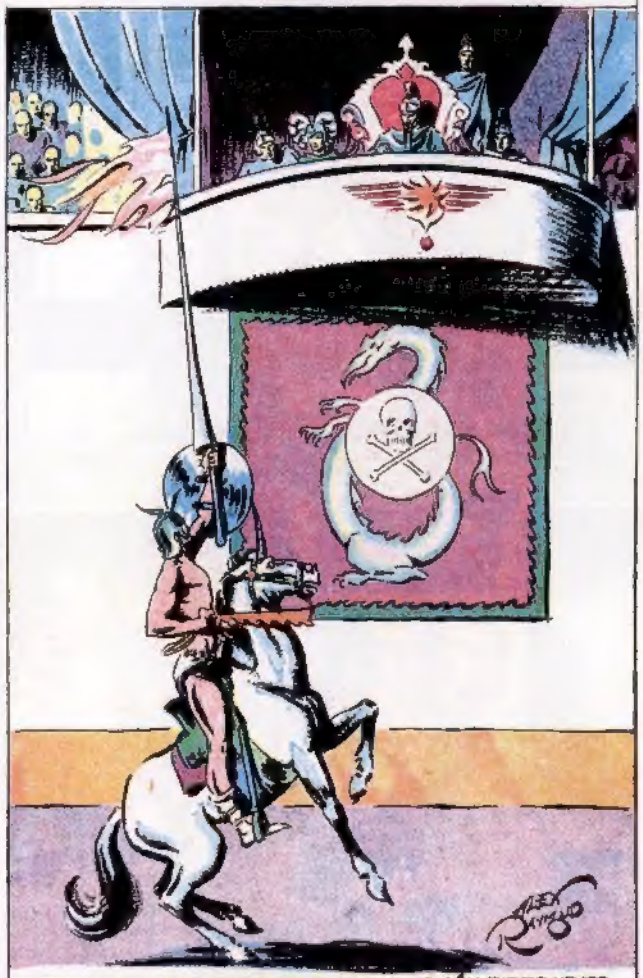

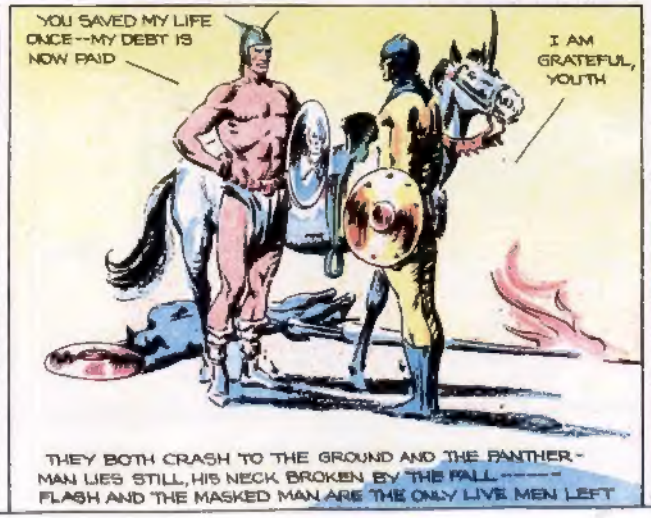

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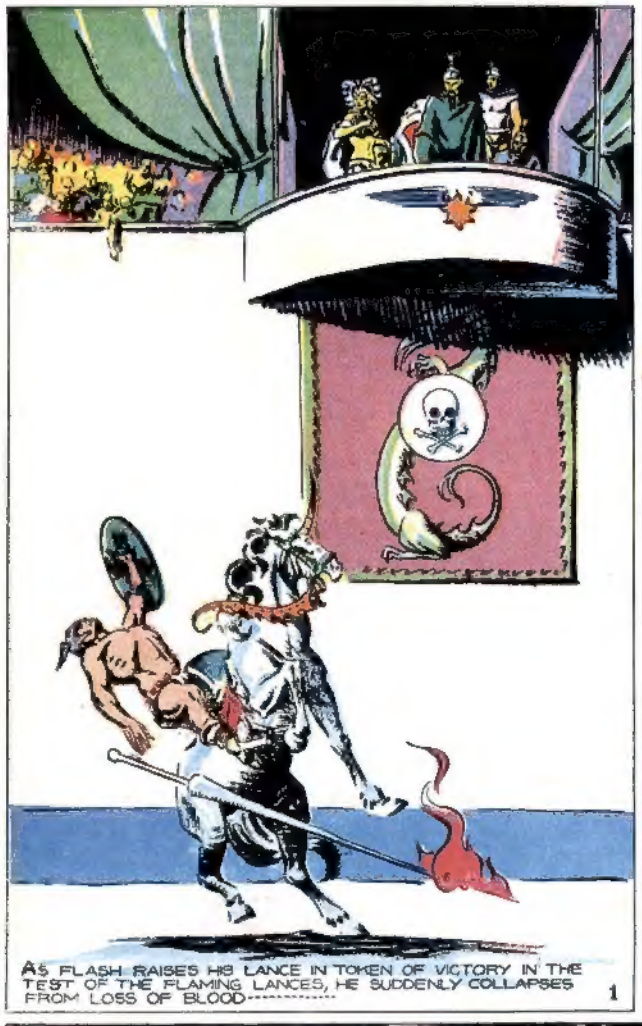

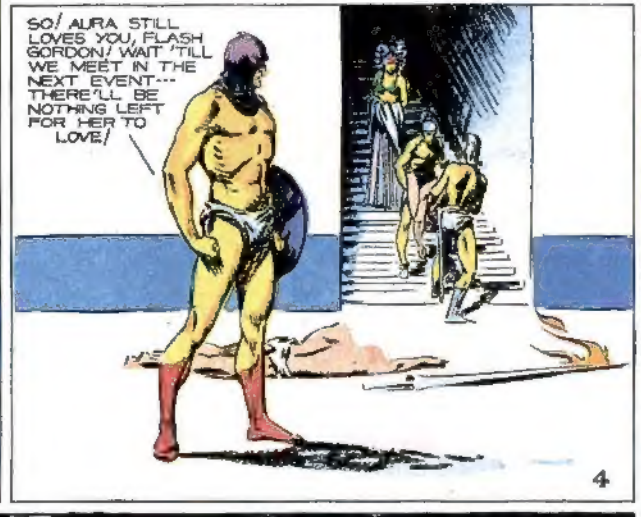

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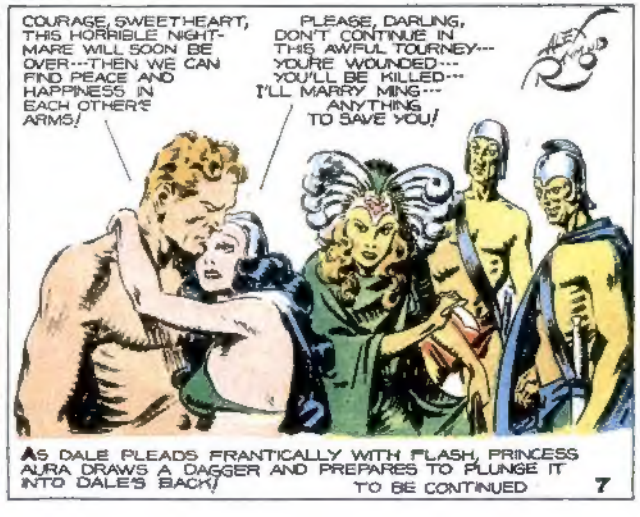
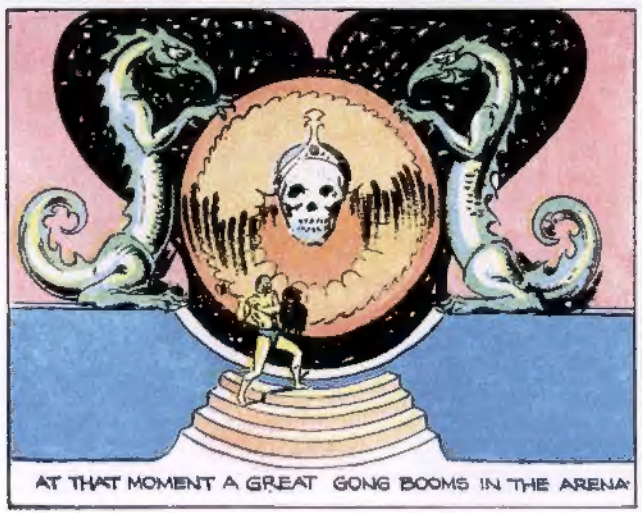
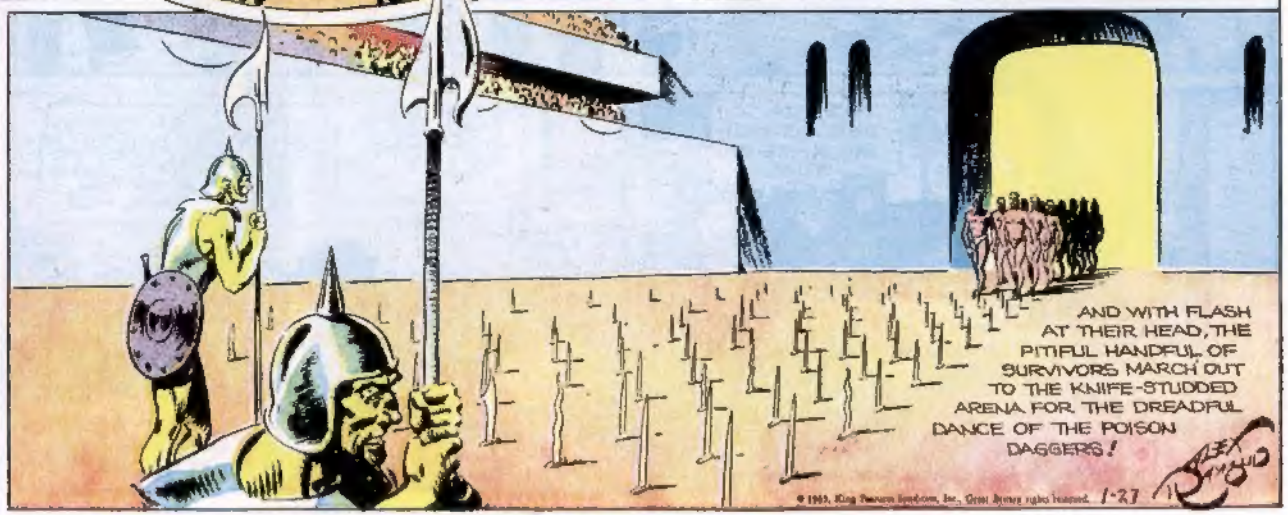


PRINCE BARIN, MADLY IN LOVE WITH PRINCESS AURA, MAKES HIS WAY TO HER CHAMBERS, WHILE AWAITING THE NEXT EVENT IN THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH

HE ENTERS THE ROOM, JUST AS JEALOUS PRINCESS AURA IS ABOUT TO PLUNGE HER KNIFE INTO DALES BACK

HEY! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE HERE?
HOLD, AURA! IS THIS WORTHY OF A PRINCESS OF MONGO?
SO! IT IS NOT ME YOU LOVE, BUT HER!
NO, MY PRINCESS-- IT IS YOU THAT I LOVE-- YOU ALONE!
ONCE AGAIN I THANK YOU, STRANGER--IF FATE SENDS US TOGETHER AGAIN IN THE TOURNEY, MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!
THE FORTUNES OF WAR, MY FRIEND


AT THAT MOMENT A GREAT GONG BOOMS IN THE ARENA


AND WITH FLASH AT THEIR HEAD, THE PITIFUL HANDFUL OF SURVIVORS MARCH OUT TO THE KNIFE-STUDDED ARENA FOR THE DREADFUL DANCE OF THE POISON DAGGERS!
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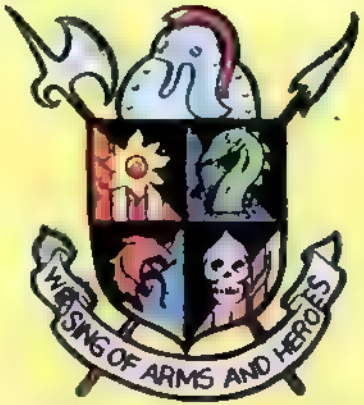

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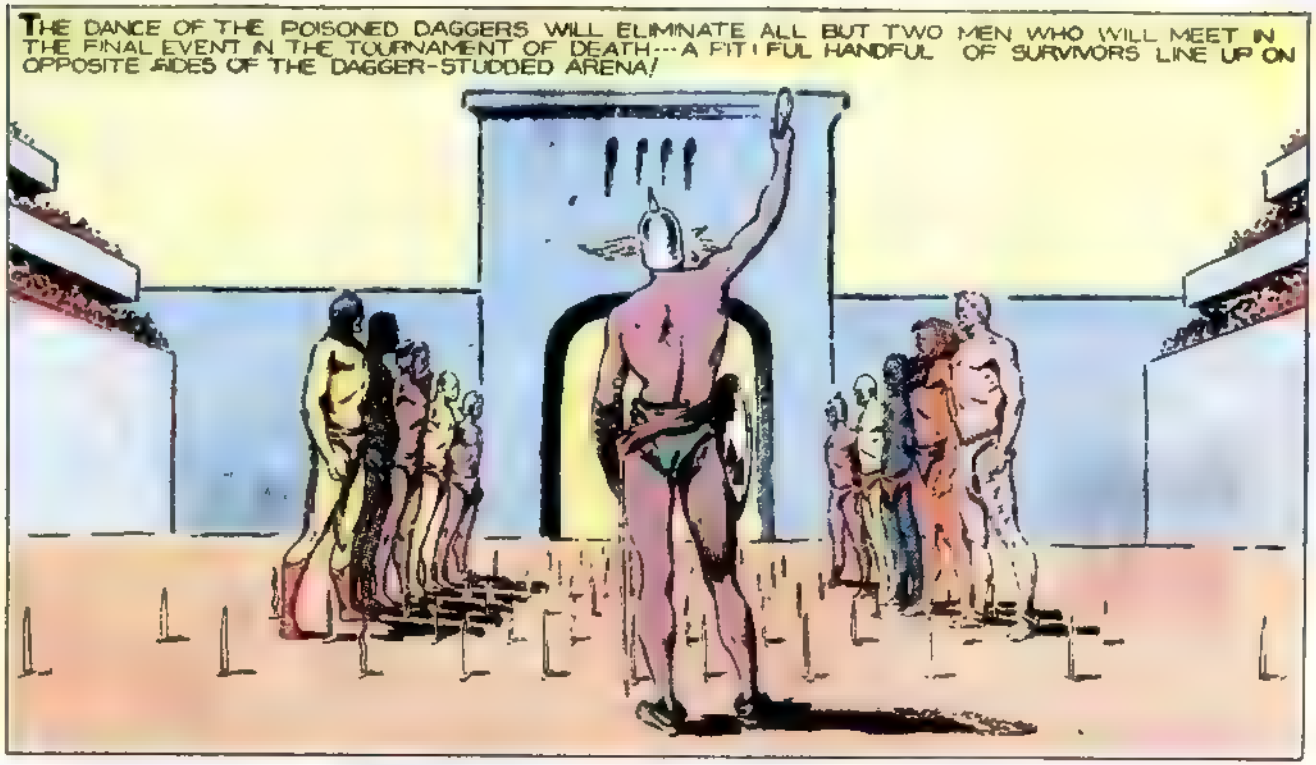
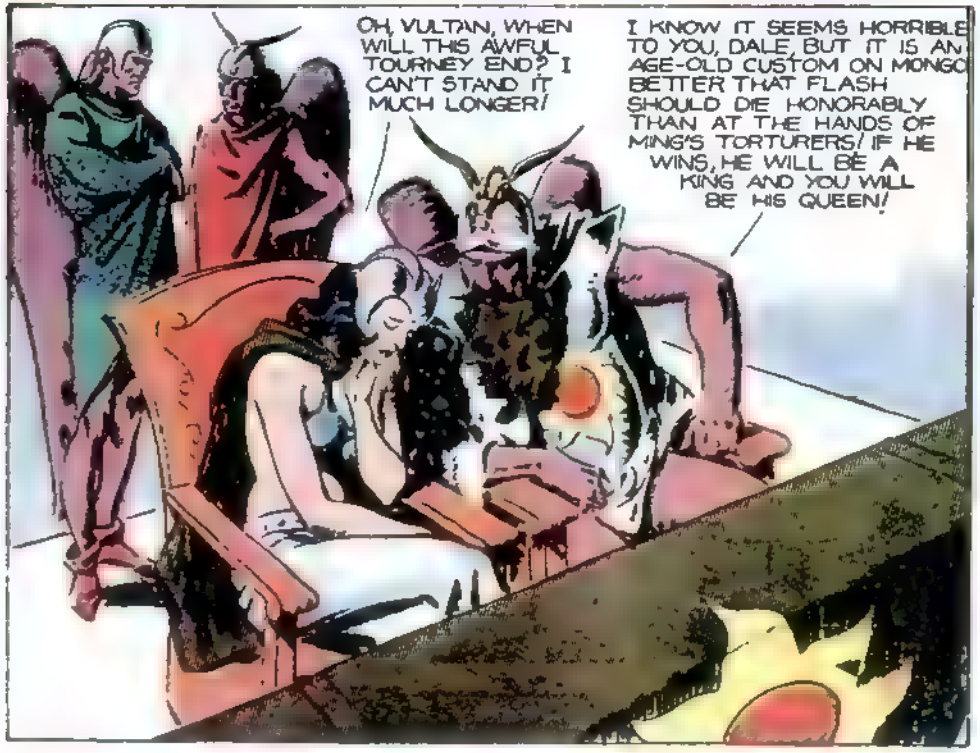
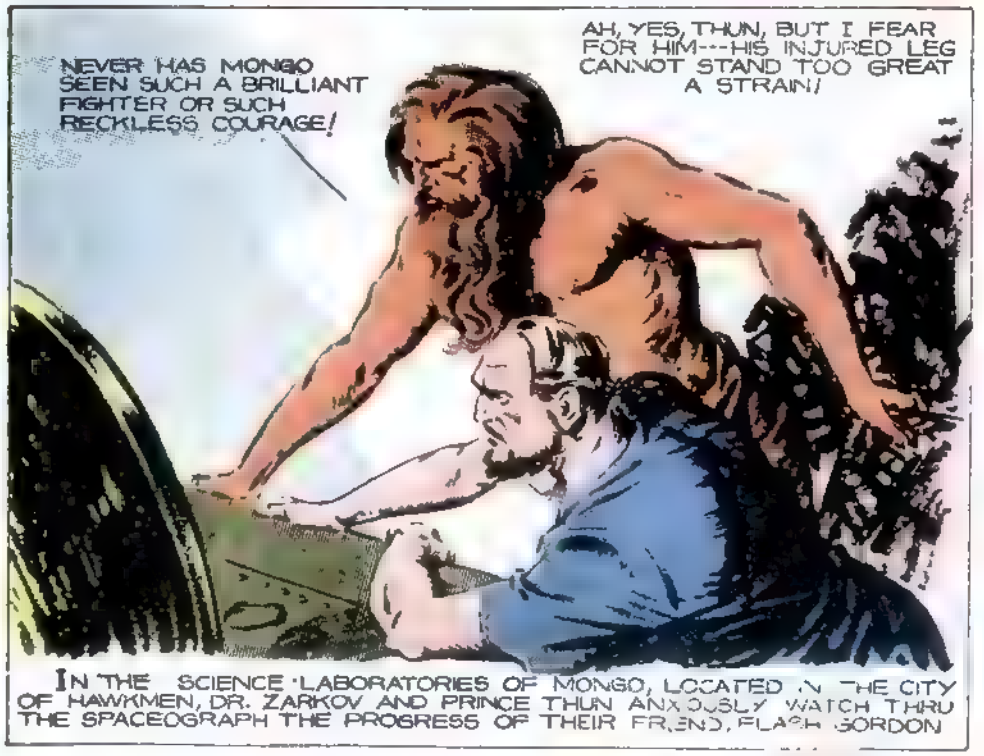
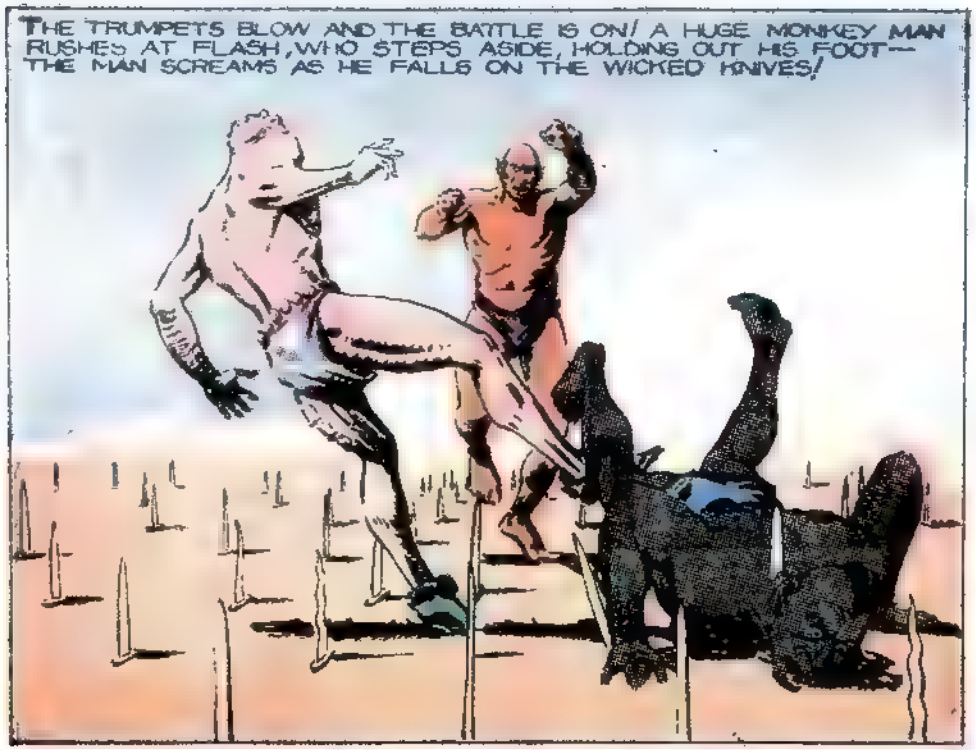
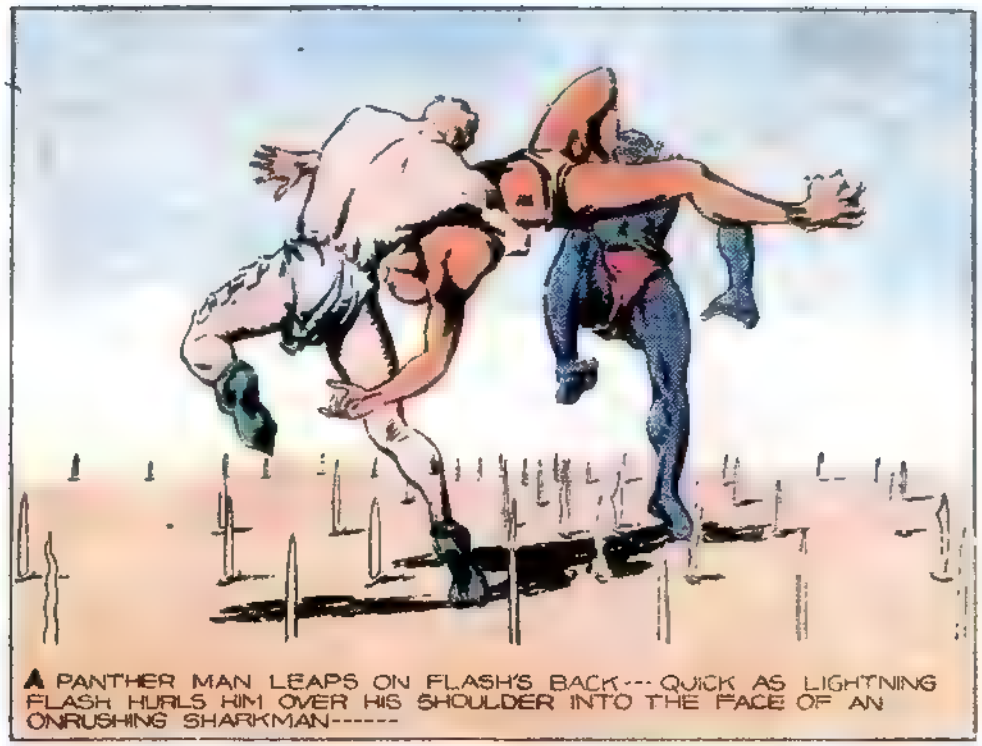


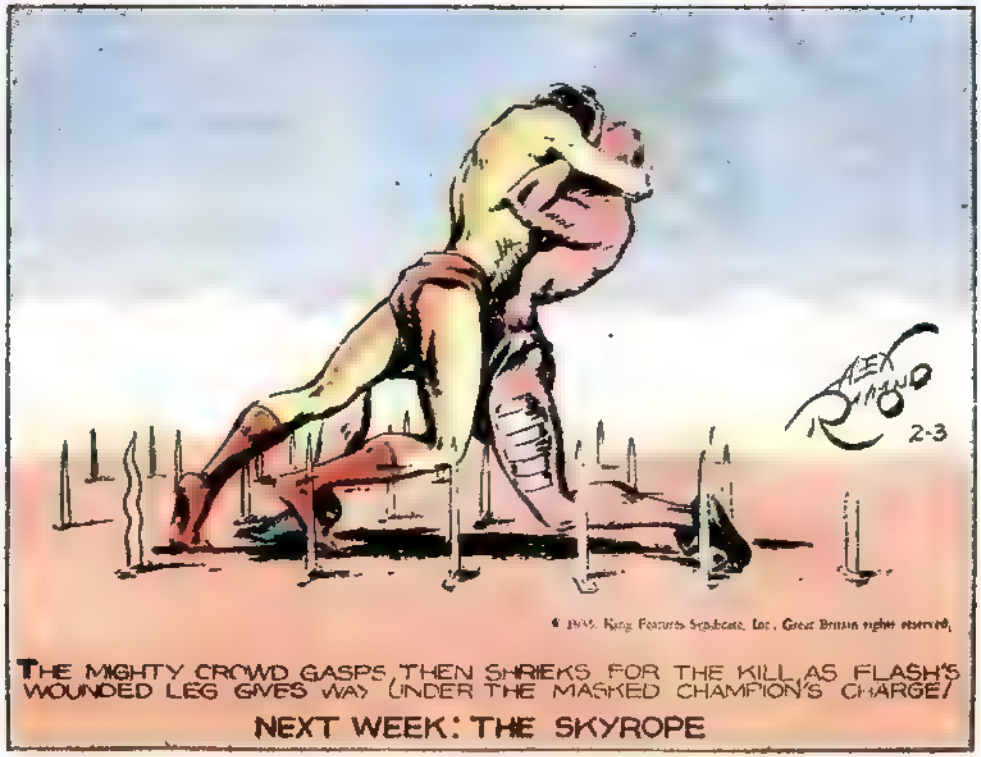





THE TRUMPETS BLOW AND THE BATTLE IS ON! A HUGE MONKEY MAN RUSHES AT FLASH, WHO STEPS ASIDE, HOLDING OUT HIS FOOT— THE MAN SCREAMS AS HE FALLS ON THE WICKED KNIVES!


A PANTHER MAN LEAPS ON FLASH'S BACK--- QUICK AS LIGHTNING FLASH HURLS HIM OVER HIS SHOULDER INTO THE FACE OF AN ONRUSHING SHARKMAN------

THEN THE GREATEST MOMENT OF THE TOURNAMENT--THE LAST TWO MEN OF THE LEGION OF THE DOOMED, FLASH GORDON AND THE MASKED CHAMPION STAND FACE TO FACE!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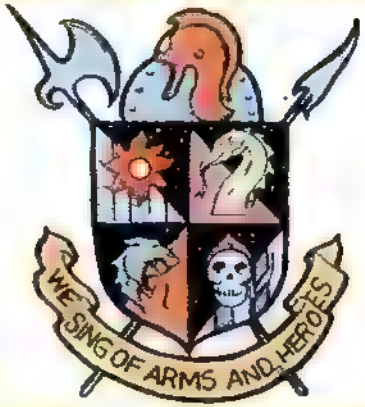
THE MIGHTY CROWD GASPS, THEN SHRIEKS FOR THE KILL AS FLASH'S WOUNDED LEG GIVES WAY UNDER THE MASKED CHAMPION'S CHARGE!
NEXT WEEK: THE SKYROPE

FLASH GORDON



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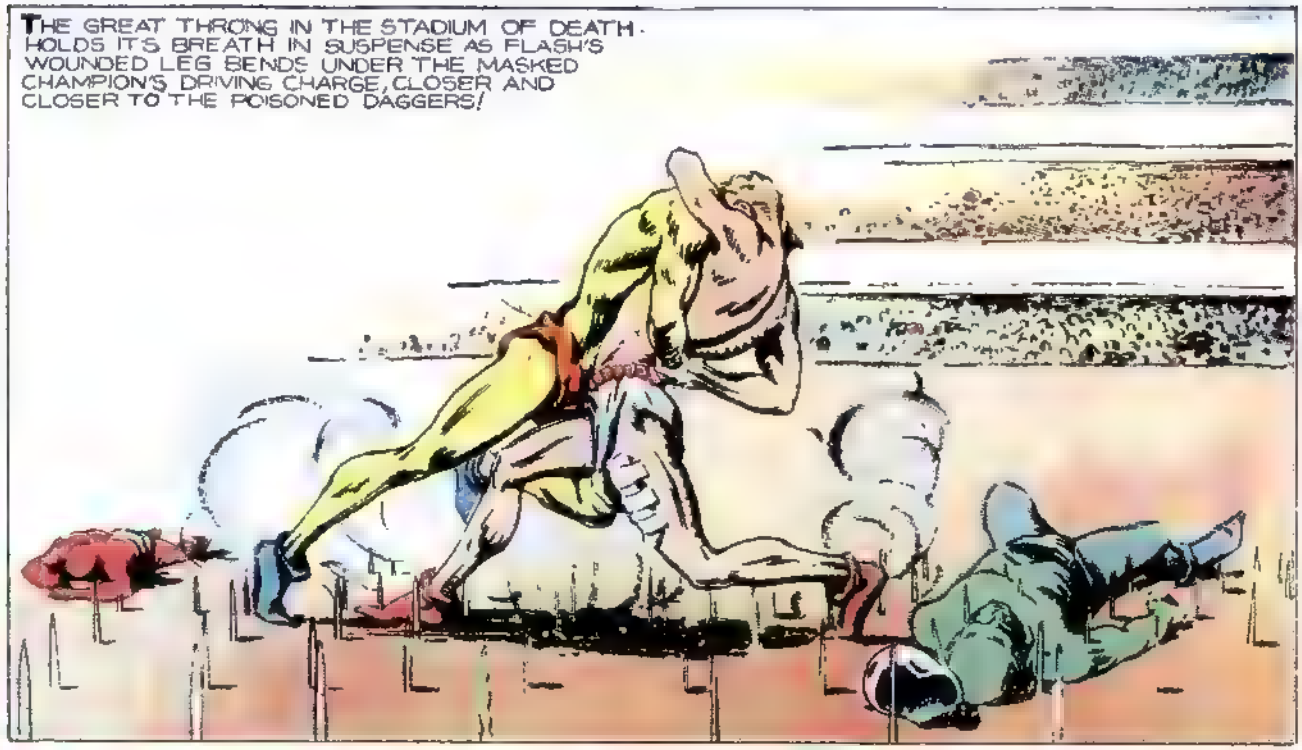
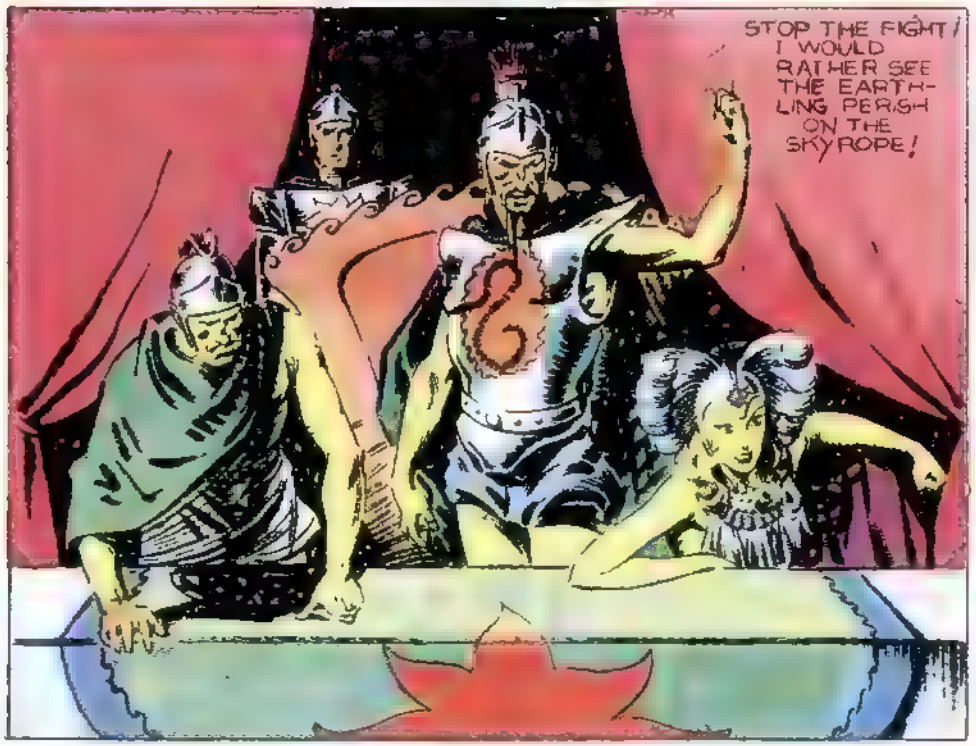
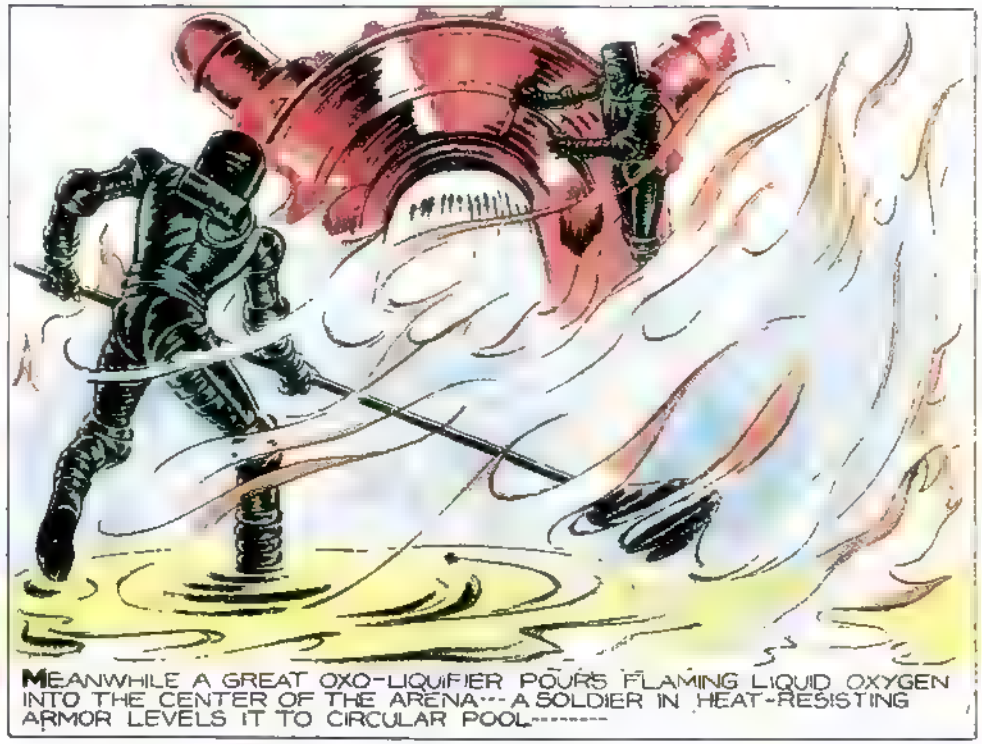




I SEE IT ALL NOW, AURA--- YOU CLAIM YOU LOVE ME WHEN IT IS FLASH YOU REALLY LOVE--- I WAS A FOOL TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU--- IT IS ALL A PLOT TO REVENGE YOURSELF ON FLASH BECAUSE HE SPURNED YOUR LOVE--- I, THE TRUE EMPEROR OF MONGO CURSE YOU, WOMAN!
YOU ARE----- PRINCE BARIN!


MEANWHILE A GREAT OXO-LIQUIFIER POURS FLAMING LIQUID OXYGEN INTO THE CENTER OF THE ARENA--- A SOLDIER IN HEAT-RESISTING ARMOR LEVELS IT TO CIRCULAR POOL--------

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY GO ON WITH THAT LEG--- COME WITH ME--- I'LL HELP YOU TO ESCAPE!
PLEASE, FLASH--- FOR MY SAKE!
AND LOSE YOU AND SPEND THE REST OF MY DAYS A FUGITIVE FROM MING! NOT ON YOUR LIFE, DALE--- I'D RATHER DIE!
YOUR LEG WILL NOT STAND THE STRAIN!
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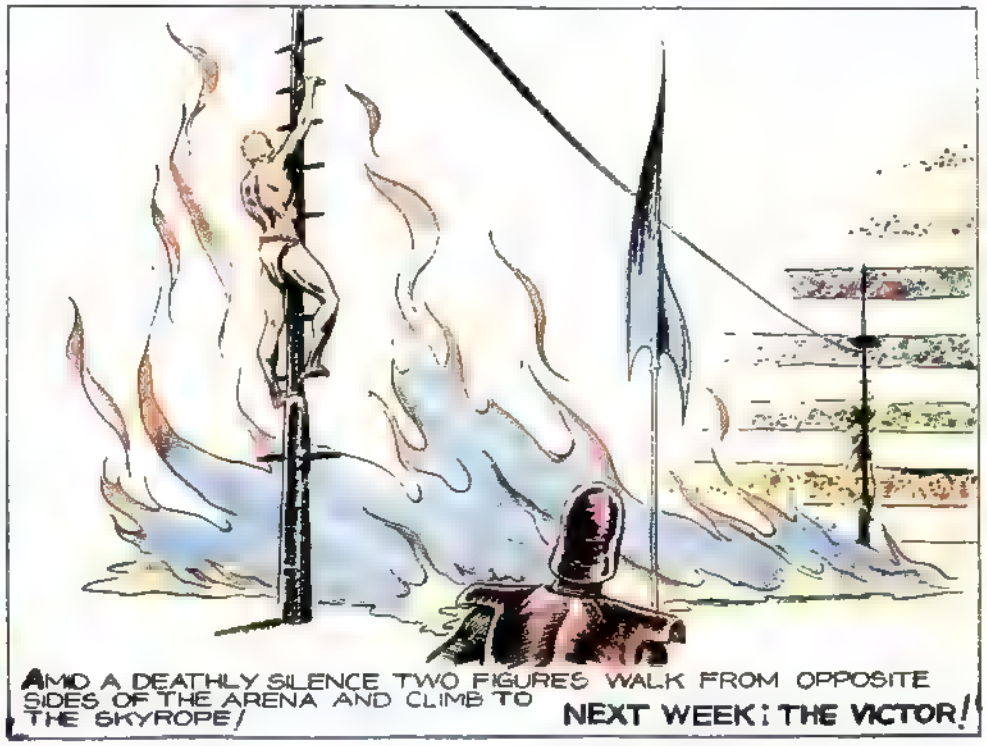
AMID A DEATHLY SILENCE TWO FIGURES WALK FROM OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE ARENA AND CLIMB TO THE SKYROPE!
NEXT WEEK: THE VICTOR!

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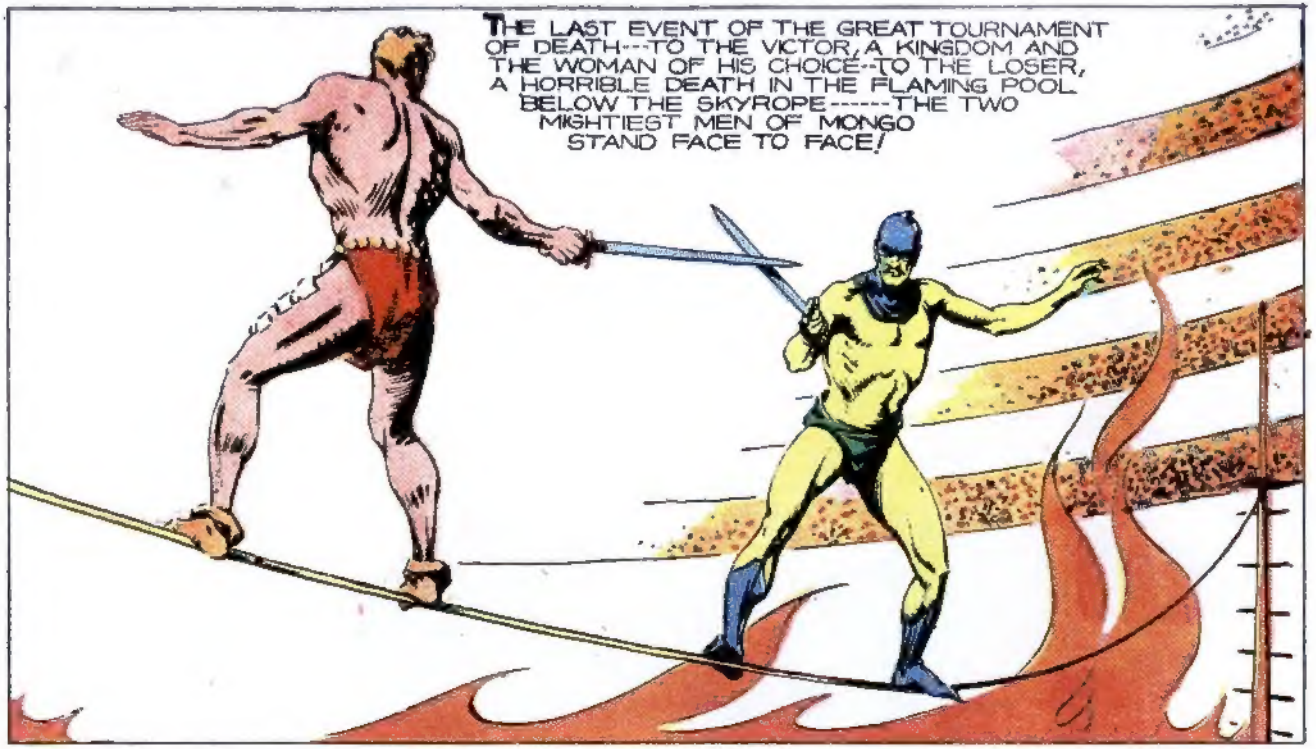

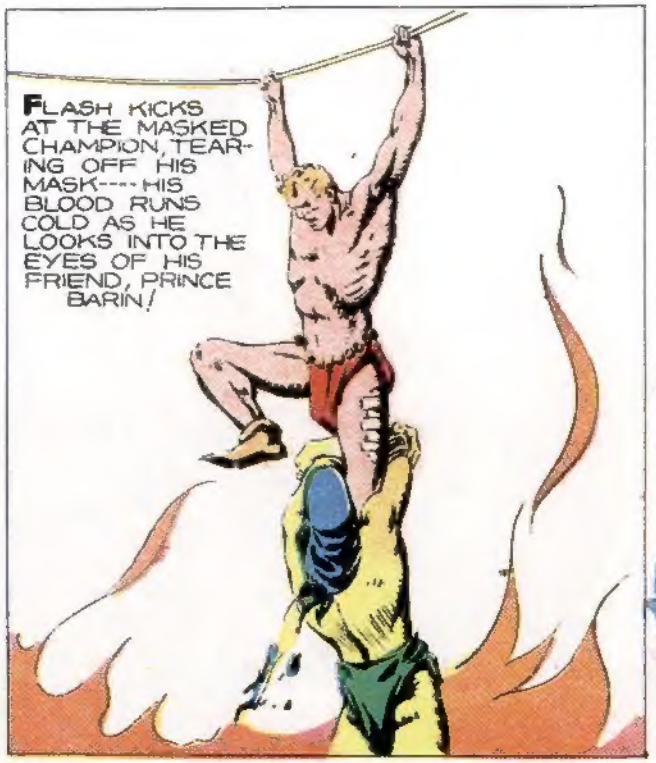

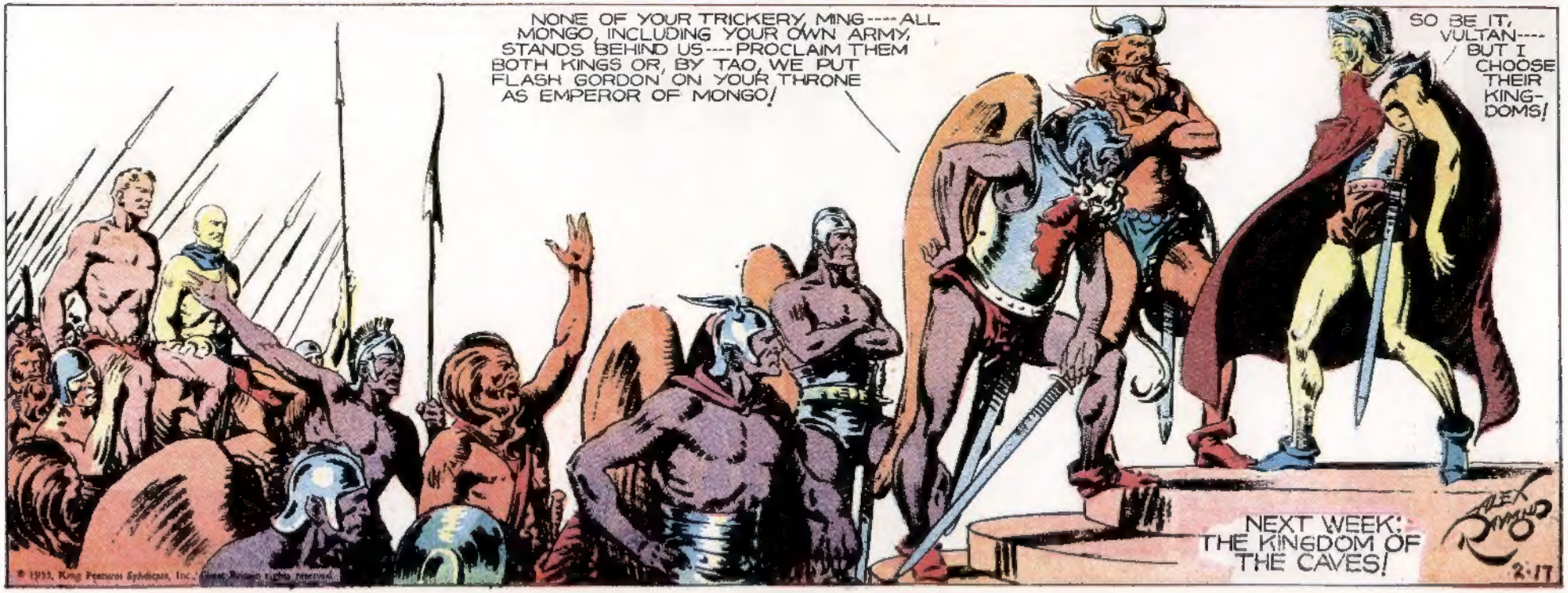

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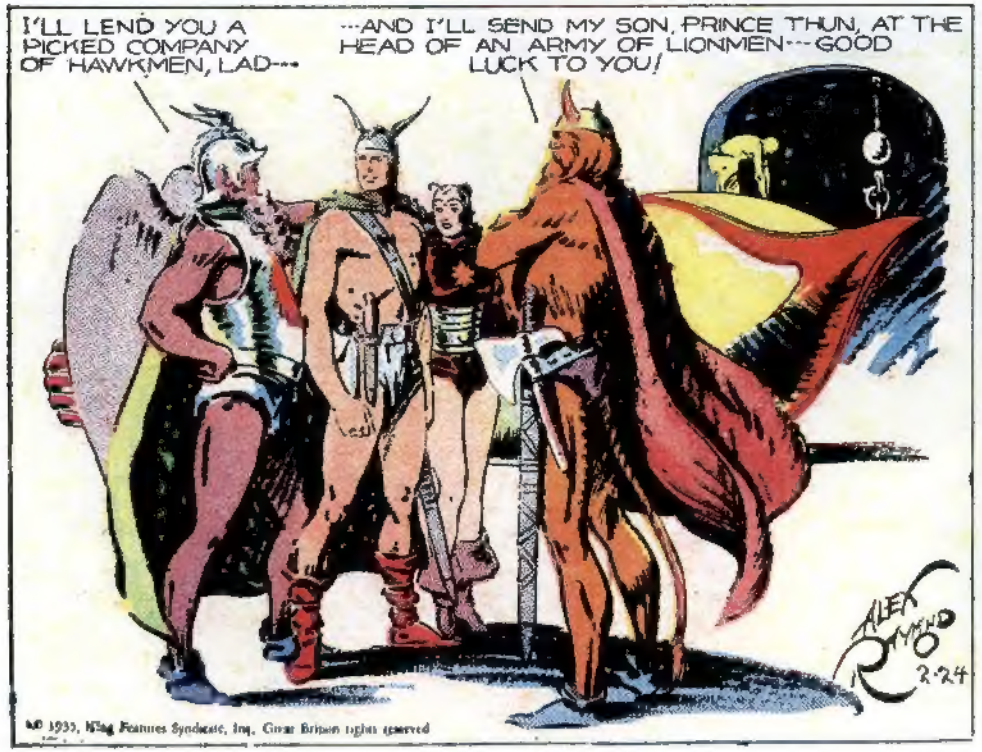
TRUE---BUT THESE ARE BRAVE MEN--- LET THEM TRY---THEY CAN HOLD THEIR WEDDINGS IN THEIR OWN KINGDOMS--- IF THEY LIVE THAT LONG!

WHEN WE HAVE CARVED OUT OUR OWN KINGDOMS, WE WILL MEET AGAIN---I BESEECH YOU TO FORGET MY FOOLISH JEALOUSY OF PRINCESS AURA AND YOU---I HOPE THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS CONSIDER ME YOUR TRUE FRIEND!
ALL THAT IS FORGOTTEN, BARIN---GOOD LUCK TO YOU, MY FRIEND, AND I HOPE YOU TAME YOUR FIANCEE


I'LL LEND YOU A PICKED COMPANY OF HAWKMEN, LAD---
---AND I'LL SEND MY SON, PRINCE THUN, AT THE HEAD OF AN ARMY OF LIONMEN---GOOD LUCK TO YOU!
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WE'RE ON OUR WAY, DARLING---IT'S A NEW LIFE, FRAUGHT WITH DANGERS---BUT WITH YOU BY MY SIDE, I COULD DO ANYTHING!
I'M SO HAPPY! OH, I LOVE YOU SO-- MY KING AND SWEETHEART!
NEXT WEEK: FLASH GORDON, KING OF THE CAVE WORLD!